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Dr. Apolinary Sobieszek
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Dear Apolinary,

Thank you very much for the reprints which are superb and the program notification.

We have been studying MLCK in our laboratory in connection with asthma. Using a dog model we find increased amounts of the enzyme in the sensitized dog. Gene expression studies show no increase in mRNA-MLCK however, nor any change in stability. We are currently looking at gene translation. In human pedigrees of asthma we plan to identify RFLP patterns and trace their inheritance mode with that of the phenotypic expression.

In July/August I plan to hold another symposium at Minaki and wonder whether you would like to join us as an invited speaker. MLCK should prove to be a hot topic. I am attempting to raise funds for the symposium but don't know how successful I'll be. At any rate would you be able to come at your own expense?

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

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